



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 24th November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Last week, I informed parents/carers of the interviews we conducted last week for our new Year 11 Head Students. I am therefore delighted to announce that we have appointed five new Head Students in our Year 11 cohort. Congratulations to Ellie Ball, Molly Barrett, Amy Booth, Ryan Bussey and Sam Pakey (pictured opposite) for their successful appointment.

The interview panel were incredibly impressed with all students who were interviewed for the position as Head Students and for those who were not appointed as Head Student were offered alternative leadership roles. As such, I would also like to congratulate Eleanor Barber Cunnington, Imogen Broom, Spencer Briggs, Harrison Day and Lorraine Kashiri on their respective roles.



Throughout this week, we have celebrated Inter Faith Week across the trust. Inter Faith Week is an excellent opportunity to break down barriers between groups of faith and none and raise awareness of the excellent work of faith groups which often go unmissed. Last week, the lessons in Religious Studies started with a short introduction to the week and highlighted what the schools would be doing to celebrate. At Bourne Academy, we have highlighted some individuals of faith who have had a key role on advancement in a variety of areas linked to the different areas of the curriculum. The library has had an Inter Faith display along with an activity for students to take part in to consider their own Worldview. We have also had a Love of Reading session using a poem by Francis Duggan; 'A Multicultural town.' Similarly, we have a World Cultures SMSC scheme due to begin with the first session highlighting the importance of marking Inter Faith Week. Our Trust Executive Head Student; Peter Winfield has created a quiz for students to take part in. Finally, we have a photography competition open to all years closing Friday 24th November 2023. Students have been asked to take a photo that gives a snap shot of their beliefs, be it religious, spiritual and grounded more in science. We look forward to reviewing these entrants and selecting winners to be displayed in the Religious Studies department.



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Continuing with the theme of wider development, our Year 8 students experienced a 'Stay Safe Day' in school on Wednesday this week. This featured presentations and workshops delivered by specialists that support students in their understanding to important life skills and knowledge in respect to keeping themselves safe. The five presentations delivered to students covered Anti-social Behaviour, Fire Safety, Online Safety, Alcohol & Drug Awareness and Healthy Relationships. All students were engaged in the respective sessions to consolidate their learning to keep safe which is underpinned by our strong Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum we offer at Bourne Academy.

On Thursday 16th November 2023 a group of 13 Key Stage 4 students took part in the annual South Lincolnshire Superzone Trampoline Competition. The students took part in the competition across four categories (novice, intermediate, advanced, and elite). This involved the students performing a set solo routine in front of all competitors and were judged based on their individual performance. Although the nerves were high, all students performed incredibly well and to the very best of their ability. The Superzone competition is a team sport where the top four individual scores are added together to give a combined score. Out of 8 competing schools, Bourne Academy took 5th place. A special mention goes to Tallulah Conway and Amelia Kearns who both finished in 5th place out of over 30 competitors within their categories. I want to offer my congratulations to all students who took part in the competition. Miss Lyn-Kew, Teacher of PE and Science who organised this event also said, "Our students who took part were a true credit to the school and represented our academy brilliantly. Well done to everyone!"



We would like to promote and support the current 'Big Ambition' campaign which is a national campaign for parents and students. I have provided the link so you can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. We feel it is really important that our community at Bourne Academy can participate in 'The Big Ambition survey' and have their say on a range of issues.

As you are aware the festive season is fast approaching and at Bourne Academy we would like to support the community by donating Christmas Hampers to the Bourne Food Bank and the Butterfield Centre in Bourne. Each form will have the same sized box to dress in their very own Christmas theme, whether that is using wrapping paper or painting and decorating. Students will then have the opportunity to donate an item to place in the hamper. Any items that are donated will need to be non-perishable and non-alcoholic. We will provide a detailed list via the school website and promoted within House Assemblies. The Christmas Hampers are scheduled to be delivered in the last week of term so students should bring in their donations by Friday 15th December 2023 at the latest.

In addition to the theme of charity, I would just like to thank everyone for contributing to our recent Children in Need 2023 appeal – I am delighted to inform you that as a school, our non-uniform day raised just over £1,400 for this worthy cause and across the Trust we raised over £4,000!

Finally, tickets are now on sale for our Winter Concert that will take place in the evening on Tuesday 19th December 2023. This is the perfect festive event for the end of term, which all of the family can enjoy. You can be guaranteed there will be amazing performances from a diverse mix of bands, soloists as well as vocal and drama groups. Our talented students from Years 7 to 13 and the Music and Performing Arts staff are busy preparing this seasonal showcase to share with you that will feature acts performing classic

and modern Christmas songs as well as contemporary crowd-pleasers. Tickets are £3 each and can be purchased online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy and there are no ticket booking fees. The performance will start at 7.00pm with doors open at 6.30pm. As well as great entertainment there will be a raffle and refreshments before the show and at the interval.

A poster for the Winter Concert 2023. The poster is blue and white with a red border. It features illustrations of Christmas trees and a star. The text on the poster reads: "WINTER CONCERT 2023", "TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER", "7PM START (doors open 6.30pm)", and "BOURNE ACADEMY".

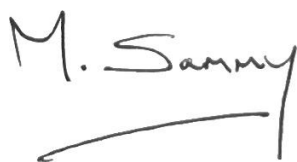
Join us for our annual Winter Concert where there will be a mixture of bands, soloists, as well as the Bourne Academy vocal and drama groups.

Tickets are £3 in advance and available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy

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Have a good weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Sammy".

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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